

**Olympic Games STUDENT Scavenger Hunt**

Did you know that the first recorded Olympic contest took place in 776 B.C. at Olympia in western Greece? Learn more about the Olympic Games on the World Book Web.

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1. When did the modern Olympic Games begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scroll down to section *Olympic ceremonies and symbols* and answer the questions below.

2. What does the Olympic flame symbolise?

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1. Where is the Olympic flame ignited before runners transport the flame to the site of the games?

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1. When is the Olympic flame extinguished?

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1. The Olympic symbol is made up of five rings joined together. What do they represent?

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1. What are the colours of the rings?

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1. The Olympic motto in Latin is *Citius, Altius, Fortius*. What does it mean in English?

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1. Choose an article on an athlete and write a paragraph about them.

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**ANSWER KEY:**

1. 1896
2. The flame symbolizes the **light of spirit, knowledge, and life, and it is a messenger of peace**.
3. The fire is ignited in **Olympia, Greece**.
4. The flame burns throughout the games and then is extinguished during the **Closing Ceremony**.
5. The Olympic symbol consists of five interlocking rings that represent the **continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas**.
6. The colours of the rings, from left to right, are **blue, yellow, black, green, and red**.
7. The words are translated as ***Swifter, Higher, Stronger****.*